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More than three pages of this morning's Post's main news section are Nixon-Frost/ Watergate stories. Together with an ongoing local scandal exposure it is most of the news space in that section, never large on Sundays.

There are new transcripts, clearly enough leaked. There are summaries of confidential interviews, supposedly confidential, the Frost staff made on interviews with those promised confidentiality, like former Watergate presecutor staffers. Surely and deliberately leaked.

Several days ago there were radio news stories saying Jaworski would go public with more if Nixon covered up more. I wondered then what Jaworski was worried about. Now I find myself wondering whether some of his younger and more dissatisfied former staffers were not determined to end his self-service over his part in covering up.

Frost's people have worries - they've not sold enough of the shows. I think their leaking has the purpose of trying a last-minute sales job. By normal standards there is enough to the story to have this result.

In tape content there is not that much new. Mostly the Old Old Nixon and his Old Old associates in the same old tawdry.

There are repeated references to the involvement of the Cuban Committee, not otherwise identified. I suspect this was the front for payoffs, not an operational gang.

What interested me most of all is a reference between Nixon and Haldeman to talking "about the other jobs we did." This is in an alleged National Security context, Nixon-Haldeman style, and by the Plumbers. It is in the plural and is not limited to Ellsberg, which by then had been reported.

One of the Frost leaks that I enjoyed is the pseudo-shrink Hutschnecker's diagnosis of his patient exactly as I had analyzed, a man who knew his lack of worth and had to keep reassuring himself that he really was something.

I've not listened to radio news today so I do not know the play this got. It was not on last night's CBS evening TV news, the show I caught.

It and the pretense that Frost was out to get Nixon should beuild interest in the airings, their audience nad perhaps time sales.

8:55 a.m. AP radio copy shows the NYTimes also had leaks of transcripts to it for today's use. The hard one the Times had is Nixon's knowledge three days after the breakin. The Post's lead is that he knew of hushmoney in January while claiming not to until March. So what else is new?

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